

Application No. 09/864,525

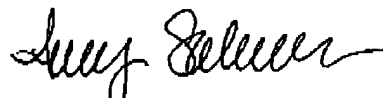
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are pending and claims 3, 17-42, 44-50, 52-92, 98-102, 117, and 118 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 4-7, 10-16, 43, 51, 93-97, 103-116, and 119-121, the claims of the unelected species of Group I, be withdrawn.

Applicant elects Group I, Species G, without traverse. The Office Action identified Group I as including claims 1, 2, 4-16, 43, 51, 93-97, 103-116, and 119-121, with claims 1 and 2 being generic. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 of Group I, Species G, are pending, and Applicant respectfully requests that remaining Group I claims 4-7, 10-16, 43, 51, 93-97, 103-116, and 119-121 be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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